Appendix XI.

[Vide Item IV—Papers laid on the Table of the House, page 1040.]

Statement showing the resolutions passed by the House Committee during the Second and Third Sessions of the Third Council and the action taken thereon.

Second Session—23rd August 1927 to 30th March 1928—Four meetings.

Third Session—3rd September 1928 to 27th March 1929—Six meetings.

Second Session.

Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 29th August 1927.	Action taken thereon.
1. That the Government be requested to provide Rs. 5,000 in the budget for 1928-29 for expenditure by the House Committee, under "22 R. B. (*a*) Legislative Bodies—Supplies and Services—Voted".	A sum of Rs. 2,000 was provided in the budget for 1928-29 for the House Committee.
2. That half a dozen big metal trays as per sample obtained from the Mysore Premier Factory, Madras branch, be bought with more securely rivetted handles.	Purchased accordingly.
3. That the payment of Rs. 590 to Messrs. Wrenn Bennett & Co. for the supply of two lounge settees of "Adyar" type be sanctioned. *Note.*—The rate was the same as that paid to the firm for a sample settee, the purchase of which was already sanctioned by the House Committee.	Payment was made accordingly.
4. That the caterers be informed of the complaints that have been received about the unclean plates and glasses used for supplying lunch to Members of the Legislative Council during the last meeting.	The caterers were informed accordingly—vide Resolution No. 12 infra for reply received from one of the caterers.
5. That the Neo Komala Vilas be asked whether they can undertake the catering, in Indian style, for the Members of the Legislative Council during Council days.	Neo Komala Vilas were engaged as caterers during Council meeting commencing from the 18th October 1927. They continued till 22nd January 1928. For the meeting commencing from 23rd January 1928, the Modern Hindu Hotel were engaged as caterers. They continued till 22nd September 1928—vide Resolution No. 16 to 18 infra.
6. That the attention of the Government be drawn to Resolution No. 5 passed at the meeting of the House Committee held on the 28th January 1927, recommending the introduction at once of the flushing system in the lavatories attached to the Council rooms and that the Government be requested to undertake the work immediately.	The Government were addressed and the work is going on—vide Resolution No. 35 infra.

Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 2nd November 1927.	Action taken thereon.
7. That the Government do provide the Council office with the funds required to engage necessary establishment for the preparation of lunch to Members of the Legislative Council.	The Government stated that they were unable to sanction the allotment asked for. In doing so, they invited attention to memorandum dated 8th December 1924, in which the Government suggested that the House Committee or Secretary, Legislative Council, might invite tenders from local hotel-keepers and impose conditions on the caterer as regards the quality, quantity, etc., of lunch to be supplied.
8. That pending the carrying out of the above Resolution Messrs. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar, M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar and M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar do explain to the caterers the requirements of the Members of the Legislative Council and warn them about the consequences of not attending to them to their satisfaction.	
9. That the Government be asked to provide roofed accommodation for the cars and carriages of Members of the Legislative Council.	The Government in drawing attention to Chief Secretariat circular, dated 8th July 1926, stated that no portion of the land was available within the Fort for the construction of garages.
10. That 12 electro-plated cups and saucers be bought for the House Committee.	The electro-plated cups and saucers were not purchased as per Resolution No. 13 infra.
Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 29th February 1928.	
11. Resolved that the following articles be purchased for the House Committee :— (1) Twelve dozens of khaddar towels for use in the bath-rooms ; (2) two dozens of bell-metal tumblers for use in the luncheon room ; (3) fourteen khaddar table cloths for round tables ; (4) eight khaddar table cloths for long oblong tables ; (5) six khaddar table cloths for the tables over which the caterer keeps his refreshments ; (6) three dozens of electro-plated cups and saucers as per sample obtained from the Mysore Premier Metal Factory, with three dozens of spoons to match ; (7) one water-filter for use in the room of the Leader of the Congress Party ; (8) one clock for use in the room of the Whip of the Congress Party ; (9) covers for the three lounge settees in the Whips' rooms ; and (10) two more round tables for use in the luncheon room.	Items (1) to (5) and (7) and (8) were purchased. As regards item (6)—please see Resolution No. 13 infra.
12. Resolved that the following papers be recorded :— (i) Government's reply No. 3361-2, dated 6th January 1928, to the resolutions of the House Committee meeting of 2nd November 1927; and	Vide Resolutions Nos. 7 and 9 supra.
(ii) the reply of Messrs. Harrison & Co. on the subject of using better crockery.	Messrs. Harrison & Co. stated in reply to Resolution No. 4 that they would take the necessary steps to prevent a repetition of the irregularity complained of.

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Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 20th March 1928.	Action taken thereon.
13. The purchase of electro-plated cups and saucers obtained from the Mysore Premier Metal Factory, Limited, need not be made as they are not according to the size of the bell-metal cups and saucers.	
14. Four silver tumblers for the four water-filters be purchased according to the sample shown at a cost not exceeding Rs. 10 each.	Four tumblers were purchased at a cost of Rs. 35 in all.
15. The draft letter addressed to the Gandhi Seva Sangham, Tiruchengode, on the subject of the supply of khaddar napkins and table cloths be approved.	

Third Session.

Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 6th September 1928.	
16. The proprietor of the Modern Hindu Hotel be informed that the behaviour of his agent on the 3rd day of September during lunch hour was of a very unsatisfactory nature and he be requested to see that a recurrence does not take place by issuing instructions and making arrangements in the future to ensure the employment of agents who can behave decently and courteously in the lunch room. 17. The proprietor be requested to see that the particular agent concerned is not sent to the luncheon room hereafter. 18. The proprietor be also informed that the quality and quantity of the lunch supplied is below mark and he be requested to improve them.	A copy of these Resolutions Nos. 16 to 18 was communicated to the proprietor, Modern Hindu Hotel, and he sent a reply on 22nd September 1928, expressing his inability to continue to cater to the Members of the Legislative Council and Swaminatha Sastri was asked to cater—vide Resolution No. 23.
19. A sum of Rs. 3,000 be asked for as allotment for the House Committee for 1929-30.	A sum of Rs. 2,000 has been provided in the budget for 1929-30.
20. The purchase of two bell-metal chombus be sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 5 each.	Purchased accordingly.
21. The purchase of a lounge settee "Adyar type" similar to that in use in the rooms of the whips of parties be sanctioned for use in the room of the Independent Nationalist Party.	Vide Resolution No. 32 infra.
22. The Government's reply regarding the impossibility of providing a separate kitchen for the use of the Indian caterer to Members of the Legislative Council be recorded.	

Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 9th October 1928.	
23. With effect from Monday the 15th instant, Swaminatha Sastri be appointed as caterer for the Indian Members.	Order was issued to Swaminatha Sastri accordingly and he has been catering since.
24. Service stamps to the value of Rs. 5 for carrying on correspondence with the officers of the Local Government in regard to matters relating to the affairs of Government be given to each non-official Member of the Legislative Council in the first instance, unused stamps being returnable to the Legislative Council office at the end of the term of office of each Member.	The orders of Government are awaited.

Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 9th October 1928—*cont.*	Action taken thereon.
25. The room adjacent to the bath-room for European Members, situated on the south side of the Council Chamber, hitherto occupied by the Finance Department and since handed over to the Council office, be made available to the Leader, Congress Party.	Allotted accordingly.
26. The room hitherto occupied by the Assistant Secretary, Public Works and Labour Department, and since handed over to the Council office be allotted to the Deputy President.	Do
27. The conversion of the room hitherto occupied by the Secretary, Public Works and Labour Department, into a lounge room for the use of the Members of the Legislative Council be approved.	Do.
(Consequential arrangements in regard to the rooms vacated as a result of the above proposal be made by the Secretary.)	The room occupied by the Deputy President was allotted for Press reporters, the room originally occupied by the Leader, Congress Party, on the first floor was allotted for the Whip, Ministerialist Party, and the room vacated by the Whip, Ministerialist Party, and situated at the left side of the entrance lobby was allotted for the "European group".
28. (*a*) A telephone be installed in the new room of the Leader, Congress Party; (*b*) two more electric fans and two bigger lights be fitted in the same room; (*c*) two lounge settees of "Adyar type" be purchased for use in the same room; and (*d*) window blinds be provided for the windows in the room.	All these have been provided.
29. The Deputy President's room (mentioned in Resolution No. 26) be partitioned so as to provide for a bath-room and window blinds be provided for both the windows in the room.	Vide Resolution No. 37 infra.
30. (*a*) One clock be purchased for the lounge room; (*b*) one more fan be fitted in the same room; and (*c*) an Indian-made woollen carpet be purchased for flooring the entire room.	Items (*a*) and (*b*) have been provided. As regards item (*c*)—please see also Resolution No. 45 infra.
Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 29th November 1928.	
31. Mr. P. T. Rajan do take the Chair at the meeting.	
32. Three lounge settees of Adyar type (the purchase of which was sanctioned previously by the House Committee) be ordered from the Ramakrishna Students' Home, Mylapore, and that these be placed in the rooms of (i) Whip, Congress Party (one lounge settee in the place of the existing lounge settee) and (ii) Leader, Congress Party—two lounge settees).	Purchased and placed accordingly—vide Resolution No. 41 infra.
33. The Secretary be authorized to appoint such staff as may be necessary for the purpose of running an Indian refreshment stall for supplying lunch to Members of the Legislative Council during the Legislative Council meetings to be held from January to March 1929. 34. The Secretary be authorized to purchase the necessary plates and other articles required for the purpose.	A copy of the resolutions was forwarded to Government and a note also was sent to Government on the subject and their orders are awaited. In the meantime the House Committee have given instructions to Swaminatha Sastri, to cater—vide Resolution No. 36 infra.

Resolution of the House Committee meeting held on the 29th November 1928—*cont.*	Action taken thereon.
35. The Secretary be requested to address the Public Works Department for the purpose of introducing the modern urinal flushing system in the bath-rooms of the Legislative Council Chamber for the use of the Members of the Legislative Council and in the meantime to make arrangements for the cleaning of the rooms more often than at present.	The Government were addressed accordingly. The work connected with the urinal flushing system in the Council Chamber is going on—vide Resolution No. 6 supra.
Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 29th January 1929.	
36. Swaminatha Sastri be asked to cater. (He will be instructed to engage well-trained and good-mannered attendants sufficient in number to cope with the attendance on members and friends introduced by them. He will be instructed to pay undivided attention to the convenience of members during the first half-hour of the luncheon interval.)	Informed accordingly.
37. That with reference to the telephone reference from the Executive Engineer, North Presidency division, the partition in the Deputy President's room may be fixed as a temporary or portable one and that the cost thereof and also the cost of providing window blinds in that room (vide Resolution No. 29 of the House Committee meeting of 9th October 1928) be met from the allotment for House Committee.	The work was carried out accordingly out of the allotment for House Committee.
38. That the Indian-made woollen carpet for the lounge room [vide Resolution No. 30 (*c*) of the House Committee meeting of the 9th October 1928], be purchased from the allotment for the House Committee.	Vide Resolution No. 45 infra.
39. That the Public Works Department be addressed to carry out the other improvements as early as possible before the next meeting of the Council which will be held in February 1929.	The other improvements also required by the House Committee were carried out by the Public Works Department before the 24th February 1929.
Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 24th February 1929.	
40. The purchase of the following be sanctioned :— (1) A clock for use in the room of the Whip, Ministerialist Party ; (2) a stand for wash-basin for use in the Deputy President's room ; (3) two letter cases and two rattan waste-paper baskets for use in the rooms of the Leader, Nationalist Party, and of the European group ; (4) twelve dozen towels ; and (5) six dozen cheese plates, small plates, spoons and other necessary articles including small jugs. Mr. P. T. Rajan be authorized to purchase the crockery.	Items (1) to (3) and (5) have been purchased. Please see also Resolution No. 44 infra. Item (4) has been deferred for want of funds.
41. The payment of Rs. 762 to Ramakrishna Students' Home, Mylapore, for the supply of three lounge settees be sanctioned.	Payment was made accordingly.
42. The accompanying draft circular (annexed) to the hon. Members of the Legislative Council regarding supply of lunch be approved as amended.	

Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 24th February 1929—*cont.*	Action taken thereon.
43. The House Committee has noticed that the work connected with the Committee has increased so greatly and has become so arduous as to involve additional strain and responsibility on Mr. T. S. Vaidyanatha Ayyar and that these were not originally contemplated. It considers that an increase in his emoluments is necessary and resolves that the *original honorarium* be increased by Rs. 100 per annum with effect from the current year.	A copy of the resolution has been forwarded to Government.
Resolutions of the House Committee meeting held on the 28th February 1929.	
44. That the samples of crockery be purchased as per list below :— (1) Two tea sets at Rs. 10-8-0 each set. (2) Six tea pots at Rs. 1-8-0 each. (3) Two coffee pots at Rs. 3-12-0 each. (4) Two water jugs at Rs. 2 each. (5) One water jug at Re. 1-4-0. (6) One sugar bowl at Re. 1. (7) One cream jug at Rs. 2. (8) Six dozen cheese plates at Rupees 5-12-0 a dozen. (9) Six dozen ice-cream plates at Rs. 4-8-0 a dozen. (10) Seven dozen (Nivada) spoons at Rs. 7-8-0 a dozen. (11) Nine sugar bowls at Re. 1 each.	Purchased accordingly and payment made.
45. That the sample woollen carpet selected by Mr. P. T. Rajan be approved and that the carpet be purchased for use in the lounge room.	Purchased accordingly and payment also made.

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Council.

ANNEXURE (vide Resolution No. 42).

CIRCULAR TO THE HON. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Representations have been received by the House Committee that Members of Council are being inconvenienced by the presence during luncheon interval in the luncheon room of non-members whether introduced or not by Members of Council. The House Committee is therefore obliged to bring to the notice of Members that the following instructions have been issued :—

(1) The luncheon room shall be open to Members *only* between 1-30 and 2 p.m.

(2) Non-members may be introduced by Members after 2 p.m.

The above arrangements have been made for the convenience of Members and they are earnestly requested to co-operate in carrying them out.

S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI,
Chairman.

24th February 1929.